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1. ZAMAL APPRECIATES POINTS MADE BY REFTEL BUT IS STILL RATHER STUNNED BY COST CITED. REQUESTS CLARIFICATION ON WHETHER FIGURES REFER TO "TUITION" ONLY OR INCLUDE ESTIMATED HOUSING AND LIVING EXPENSES AS WELL.

2. HE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT REQUIREMENT IS NOT FOR SPECIALIZED TRAINING WHICH WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE INDIVIDUALIZED TUTORING BY NBS SCIENTISTS (CANDIDATES DO POSSESS DEGREES IN THEIR FIELDS) SO MUCH AS THE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE OF WORKING IN A FUNCTIONAL ENVIRONMENT. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE THIS SORT OF ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AT A MORE MODEST COST, ZAMAL WONDERS IF COMMERCE COULD IDENTIFY SOME OTHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WHICH COULD SERVE THE PURPOSE. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE A PROGRAM OF ROTATION THROUGH THE R&D AND/OR QUALITY CONTROL LABS OF PRIVATE INDUSTRIES WHICH DEAL WITH THE MATERIALS FOR WHICH THE EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED. COMMENT: THIS LAST IN FACT PROBABLY WOULD PROVIDE THE SORT OF EXPOSURE MOST CLOSELY RELATED TO THE ISDC REQUIREMENTS. GIVEN THE NUMBER OF U.S. FIRMS INTERESTED IN SAUDI ARABIA PRESENTLY, IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO FIND SEVERAL WHICH WOULD GLADLY FOR PR REASONS OFFER SHORT ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

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